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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 April 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the correction instruction" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 5 recites the limitation "the correction instruction" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hitotsui (2002/0021629).

As to claim 1, Hitotsui discloses a management information correction device for a recording medium on which data and management information for managing playback or recording operation of the data are recorded, the device comprising:

management information holding means for holding the management information recorded in the recording medium (Page 9, ¶0184); and

correction control means for after data is newly recorded to the recording medium, correcting an abnormal portion of the management information corresponding to the newly recorded data with reference to the management information held in the management information holding means (Page 12, ¶0240 & Page 13, ¶0256).

As to claim 2, Hitotsui discloses the device of claim 1, wherein the correction instruction information from the correction manipulation means includes updating instruction information for updating management information on the recording medium (Page 13, ¶0256), and

the correction control means updates the management information on the recording medium to the corrected management information corresponding to the current recording medium in response to the correction instruction information from the correction manipulation means (Page 13, ¶0257).

As to claim 3, Hitotsui discloses the device of claim 2, further comprising detection means for detecting the setting state of recording permit/prohibit setting means placed on the recording medium for setting whether recording is permitted or prohibited (Page 12, ¶0245),

wherein the correction control means does not update the management information on the recording medium to the corrected management information corresponding to the current recording medium when the detection means detects that the recording permit/prohibit setting means is in the recording prohibit state (Page 12, ¶0251).

As to claim 4, Hitotsui discloses the device of claim 2, wherein the correction manipulation means can output correction instruction information for selecting whether or not to execute the correction of an abnormal portion of the management information corresponding to the current recording medium held in the management information holding means with reference to the management information in the initial state and the updating of the management information on the recording medium to the corrected management information (Pages 14-15, ¶0288).

As to claim 5, Hitotsui discloses the device of claim 2, wherein the correction instruction information output from the correction manipulation means includes return information for selectively instructing whether or not to return the current management information on the recording medium, which has been updated, to the management information before the updating (Page 13, ¶0257)

the management information holding means keeps holding the current management information from the recording medium (Page 13, ¶0256, lines 3-5), and

the management information control means updates the management information on the recording medium and thereafter updates again the management information to the management information before the updating when the return

information is included in the correction instruction information from the correction manipulation means (Page 13, ¶0256, lines 5-7).

As to claim 6, Hitotsui discloses the device of any of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, further comprising playback manipulation means for outputting playback instruction information instructing playback of data starting from a data recording start position when playback operation based on the management information fails after the correction of the current management information from the recording medium held in the management information holding means (Page 13, ¶0272),

wherein the correction control means performs playback of data starting from the data recording start position on the recording medium in response to the playback instruction information from the playback manipulation means (Pages 13-14, ¶0274-¶0278).

As to claim 7, Hitotsui discloses the device of any of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4, further comprising recording manipulation means for outputting recording instruction information instructing recording of data starting from a data recording start position when recording operation based on the management information fails after the correction of the current management information from the recording medium held in the management information holding means (Page 13, ¶0272),

wherein the correction control means performs recording of data starting from the data recording start position on the recording medium in response to the recording instruction information from the recording manipulation means (Page 11, ¶0227).

As to claim 8, Hitotsui discloses the device of claim 1, wherein when a header address included in the management information corresponding to the current recording medium is abnormal, the header address is corrected to a header address included in the management information in the initial state (Page 13, ¶¶0269-¶0273).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES EHNE whose telephone number is (571)272-2471. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Beausoliel can be reached on (571)-272-3645. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Robert W. Beausoliel, Jr./

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2113